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A PORTION OF OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 24, 2002
IN JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION 11-146799

This application is to be rejected for the reasons given below. Any response should be submitted within 60 days of this mailing.

REASON

The invention according to the claims given below is an invention which could have been made easily on the basis of the invention described in the following publications published within Japan or elsewhere prior to its filing and hence cannot be patented pursuant to Japanese Patent Law 29-2.

STATEMENT

Claims: 1 - 8

Cited Reference: 1 - 3

REMARKS:

[Inventions of claims 1, 2 and 3]

Inventions of claims 1, 2 and 3 are each substantially described in Reference 1.

(See Reference 1: Scope of the claims and each drawing)

[Inventions of claims 4, 5 and 6]

Refer further to Reference 2 regarding the structures related to claims 4, 5 and 6 describing the corresponding constituent elements.

(See Reference 2: Scope of the claims, [0001], [0002], [0023]-[0027], each drawing)

[Inventions of claims 7 and 8]

Refer further to description of production method described in Reference 3 regarding the inventions of claims 7 and 8.

To twist the tip part of the lead line will be obvious in view of Reference 1. In short, this can be easily thought up in view of maintenance of a certain contact area corresponding

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to the shape of a thermistor sensor which a thermistor element is. In the example of the present application, there is not need to twist in the case of a shape as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. In the case of temperature sensor with a large electrode area as shown in Fig. 3, it is a common sense that it may become necessary to twist in order to maintain a contact with the electrode area.

(See Reference 3: Scope of claims, [0002], [0015], each drawing.)

List of Cited References:

- 1: Microfilm of Utility Model Application Jikkai 01-099507 (Jikkai 03-038617)
- 2: Patent Publication Tokkai 08-153601
- 3: Patent Publication Tokkai 11-126727